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Testimony of Kathy Twogood
on override vote of Bill 11

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Dear Council members;

Please votet NO on Bill 11 override

As a resident of the windward side of Oahu for the last 32 years, I've seen this state grow in tourism and decline in agricultural production and exports.

I find Bill 11 ridiculous and unreasonable for the businesses and most residents of Kailua considering that our state is a tourism state and to ban commercial activity at Kailua beach Park works against the economic health of our town and state.

I understand the concerns of the outspoken residents of Kailua and I think Bill 5 has taken care of that. For Bill 11 to take place is going way too far.

Kailua Beach park is an ideal place for kayaking, wind sports, boogy boarding and snorkeling. If we're not willing to share with tourists, I think that's just plain selfish.

I realize the "Keep it Kailua" group is only doing this so the kailua businesses will die off and property values in Kailua will go down again and I don't know if all of you council members realize that this is their intention.

I think if rail comes into Oahu, you're going to need as many healthy businesses as possible to be paying taxes to help support rail. I think to put so many Kailua companies out of business is an unwise thing to do.

As I look at the number of residents that go to Kailua Beach on weekdays, I think it's unreasonable to ban commercial activities on weekdays also. Kailua Beach on weekdays is very empty. So I'm asking you not to override the Mayors vote of Bill 11.

Thanks for your conderation,

Kathy Twogood

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